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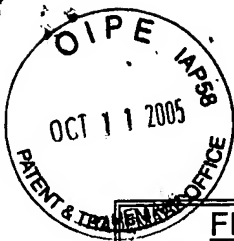
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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

This paper is applicants' comments on the Examiner's reasons for allowance in the above-entitled application. Applicants are in receipt of a Notice of Allowance in the above-entitled application. Applicants' comment on the Reasons for Allowance as follows. At page 4, second full paragraph, the Reasons states that Spirig fails to disclose that the shackle is integral and one piece with the shackle [sic socket]. This is believed to be error as the claim does not call for the term "integral and one piece." Claim 25 calls for the shackle to be fixed at one end to the socket. The term "fixed" is believed to be construed by the Examiner to mean fixed at all times as disclosed in the specification. Spirig fails to disclose a shackle fixed at one end to the socket at all times.



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